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OF THE

## Commissioners of Supply Of the SHERIFFDOM of EDINBURGH,

*Anent the Settlement of the Prices of Victual within the said Shire,  
to the First Day of September next.*

*Edinburgh, April 28. 1699.*

**T**He COMMISSIONERS of Supply of the Sheriffdom of *Edinburgh*, appointed by Act of His Majesties most Honourable Privy Council, of the Date the last Day of *March* last by-past, for Stating and Settling the Prices of Victual within the said Shire, Having several times convened at *Edinburgh* and *Dalkeith*, and last of all being met and convened this day; And having taken true and exact Tryal of the Prices of Victual, for five Weeks space preceeding the Date of the said Act, and duly considered the saids Prices: The saids COMMISSIONERS, by vertue of the Power given and committed to them by the foresaid Act of Council, have Stated and Settled, and hereby STATES and SETTLES the highest Prices of the best Victual and Meal to be as follows, *To wit*

The best Wheat Seventeen Pounds *Scots* per Boll.

The best Oats Twelve Pounds per Boll.

The best Barley Bear Thirteen Pounds Six Shilling Eight Pennies per Boll.

The best Pease Thirteen Pounds per Boll.

The best Oat Meal, by Weight, being Eight Stone, at Sixteen Shilling Six Pennies, per Half Stone, for the Peck.

The best Bear Meal, at Eight Pounds per Boll, being Ten Shilling per Peck.

The best Pease Meal, Nine Pounds Twelve Shilling *Scots* Money per Boll, being Twelve Shilling per Peck.

And the foresaid Prices so Settled, are appointed by the said Act of Privy Council, to be the Feer and Settled Prices until the First Day of *September* next: And none are to presume to Sell at higher Rates, either in Mercats, Girnells, or otherways, within the said Sheriffdom, under the Certification of being Pursued as Usurers and Occurers, as the Act bears.

And to the end the above-written Prices may be Published, the saids COMMISSIONERS Ordained, and ORDAINS thir Presents to be Printed, and their Clerk to send through Copies to all the Paroch Kirks of the Shire, to be read the next LORDS Day after Divine Service; *As also*, Doubles to be sent to the Baillies of Burghs within the Shire, to be by them Proclaimed at their Mercat Crosses: And this present Settlement of the Prices of the said Victual and Meal to be Binding, and take Effect after the Publication and Intimation hereof. And ORDAINS thir Presents to be Recorded in the *Sederunt* Books of the saids COMMISSIONERS: *Sic Subscribitur* John Clerk I. P. C.

*Extracted forth of the Sederunt Books of the saids COMMISSIONERS, by*

R O. THOMSON *their Clerk.*



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# OVERTURE

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## Preserving of Bread,

And Relieving the Poor, under the present  
Calamity.

- I. **T**H A T all malting of Viſtial be Diſcharged, till the  
firſt of *Auguſt*.
- II. That all feeding of Horſes with Corns, be Diſchar-  
ged till then, unleſs in time of Journey or Labour.
- III. That all reſtraints be taken off Viſtial, by modifying the  
Prices or other ſtops of Circulation, till Plenty make Cheapneſs:
- IV. That both in Town and Landwart, Companys Joyn and make  
up Stocks for importing of Viſtial; each Perſon Subſcribing for what  
they will, till a Fund be made up for a Veffels Loadening, be it ſmall  
or great: And ſpeedy Orders given to ſecure it, where it can be had  
withmoſt conveniency, and quick return. Each Perſon is to run the  
Risk of their own Proportion, and the ſame is to be Sold within the  
reſpective Precincts of the Subſcribers, free of all Charge or Profite,  
except the Fraught and Expence aboard. And laſtly, each Perſon to  
receive back their Stocks, if not loſt or Periſht by accident,
- V. That all Coin be cryed up a Sixth part, and when the Calami-  
ty is over, to be cryed down again by Degrees, at ſuch times as ſhall  
be known only to, and Arbitrary for the King to prevent Circumven-  
tion,
- VI. And becauſe the firſt of theſe Propoſals tend to diminish the  
Kings Revenue, that a Months Excife be allowed to the Tackſmen  
or Collectors thereof, and made up to them ſome other way as the  
Government ſhall think fit.